

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1807

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 24, 1978

Application of ATWOOD'S TRANSPORT	)	Application No. 1007
LINES, INC., for Authority to	)	
Change Tariff	)	Docket No. 392

By Order No. 1789, served December 29, 1977, the Commission prescribed certain fares for Atwood's Transport Lines, Inc. (Atwood's), upon compliance with certain conditions including the filing of a revised WMATC Tariff No. 19 on or before January 27, 1978.

On January 24, 1978, Atwood's filed a letter requesting an extension of time for filing a revised tariff until March 13, 1978. In support of this request, Atwood's asserts that it has just entered into a new labor agreement with its drivers which will result in an increase of approximately 20.3 percent in driver's wages over the next three years, including an increase of 8.1 percent for the period January 15, 1978, through January 14, 1979. Atwood's desires to prepare and file with the Commission certain new cost studies reflecting this new development.

The Commission finds that, inasmuch as Atwood's is seeking a redetermination of Order No. 1789, the above-referenced letter should be treated as an application for reconsideration.

We are of the opinion that, to the extent reconsideration is sought, it should be denied. First, Atwood's letter assigns no specific error as required by Title II, Article XII, §1 of the Compact. Second, granting reconsideration to the limited extent sought would update and isolate a single component of the ratemaking equation without reference to other pertinent variables. Third, inasmuch as an inquiry into events occurring after the date of decision herein would necessarily involve other matters than drivers' wages, we see no prejudice to Atwood's resulting from considering any subsequent filing as a new application. Finally, we note that Atwood's can and should file an appropriate tariff as directed in Order No. 1789 as soon as possible so as to maximize its income in accordance with the rate structure prescribed in said order.

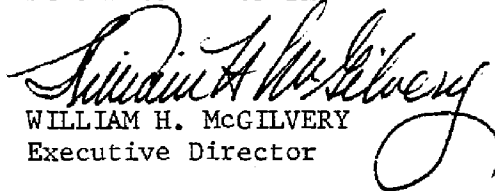
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That reconsideration of Order No. 1789, served December 29, 1977, be, and it is hereby, denied.

2. That Atwood's Transport Lines, Inc., be, and it is hereby, directed to file a revised WMATC Tariff No. 19, no later than seven calendar days after the date of service of this order.

3. That, in all other respects, said Order No. 1789, be, and it is hereby, continued in full force and effect.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director